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16.	M/s. Themis Chemical Ltd.	Trimethoprim Sulphamethoxazole
17.	M/s. Parke Davis (I) Ltd.	Multi Vitamins
18.	M/s. Biochem Pharma Industries Ltd.	Ampicilin Trihydrate
19.	M/s. Infar (India) Ltd.	Dexatorpic cream
20.	M/s. Khandelwal Labs Ltd.	Amoxycillin Trihydrate
21.	M/s. Aristo Pharmaceutical Ltd.	Doxycycline
22.	M/s. Nicholas Piramal Industries Ltd.	Gentamycin
23.	M/s. Cadila Labs Ltd.	Dexamethasone
24.	M/s. Burroughs Wellcome (I) Ltd.	Piperazine
25.	M/s. Biochem Pharmaceuticals	Gentamycin Sulphate
26.	M/s. Russel Pharmaceuticals (I) Ltd.	Dexamethasone

Prices of essential drugs

2613: SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government in consultation with the major pharmaceutical MNCs have lately taken any effective steps and evolved a policy to bring down the prices of essential drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the policy so evolved; and

(c) the steps taken in the direction and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The present pricing policy of the government is being implemented by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 and the guidelines evolved by it from time to time.

Subsequently, a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pronab Sen, Principal Advisor, Planning Commission was constituted to explore options

other than price control to make available life saving drugs at reasonable prices. The Task Force has submitted its report to the Government on the 20th September, 2005.

The Government in consultation with various stakeholders is examining the recommendations of the Task Force. Based on this a new Pharmaceutical Policy is likely to be announced shortly.

Revival of India Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

2614. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to revive Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. which was declared sick in 1992 and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether all the employees who were originally with IDPL would be re-employed and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Government is contemplating to revive Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL). Details in this regard have not been finalised.

(b) The requirement of personnel would be determined by the company keeping in view its revival plans.

Coal-based fertilizer units

2615. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal-based fertilizer plants set up in the country as on 30th November, 2005, State-wise and plant-wise;

(b) the details of sick fertilizer plants in the country closed, State-wise and plant-wise;and

(c) the steps taken by Government to revive the closed plants?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The two coal-based fertilizer plants of Fertilizer Corporation